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CONSERVATION AREA

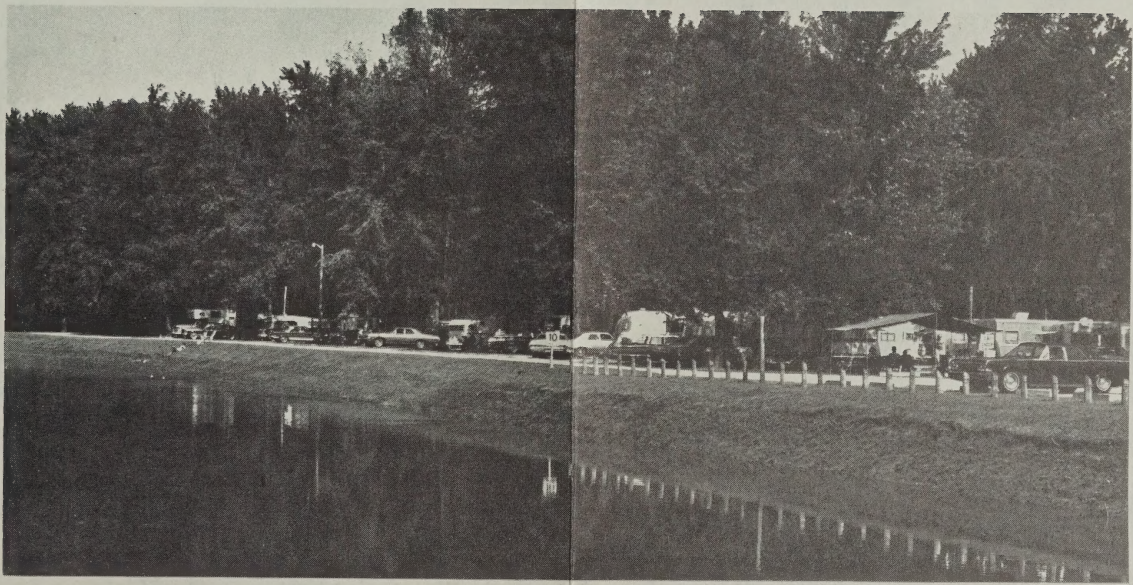
THE AREA

Woodford County Conservation Area is a picturesque bottomland setting with an abundance of silver maple, cottonwood, ash and willow trees. The many artesian wells are a unique feature of the 2,896-acre area, of which 2,462 acres are water.

The state initiated land purchases in 1927. Previously, the land was part of the proposed Partridge Drainage and Levee District. Since 1946, the site has been maintained as a public hunting and fishing area.

FACILITIES

Picnicking: The area provides tables and drinking water. A small concession stand supplies candy and soft drinks.



Camping: Sites for tents and trailers are provided. Some electricity and a sanitary dump station are available.

Boating: The site provides boat docks, a public boat launching ramp and state-owned rental boats. There is no horsepower limitation on privately owned boats, but there is a 10 horsepower limit on rental boats.

Fishing: The fishing waters consist of a broad expanse of the Illinois River known as Upper Peoria Lake and Goose Lake, and 3,475 feet of man-made fishing channels. These channels provide excellent crappie fishing in the late winter and early spring because the wells keep the channels free from ice.

Hunting: Woodford County offers blind sites for waterfowl hunting in the fall months. Check with the site manager for specific times and dates.

Please: This area is for all to enjoy so help keep it clean. Put all litter in the nearest available trash container. No flowers, plants, shrubs or trees may be removed or damaged. If you need help or have a question, contact the site manager.

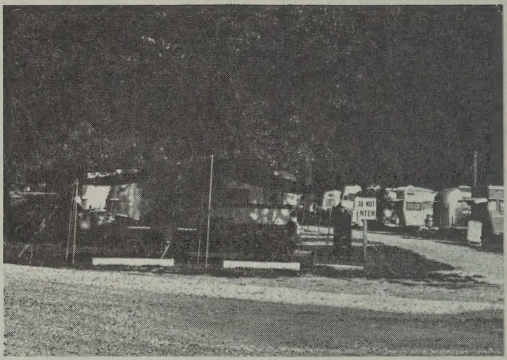
FOR YOUR INFORMATION . . .

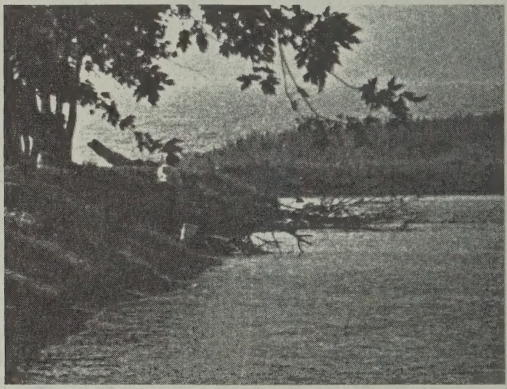
Admittance will not be granted groups of 25 or more persons to any state park or conservation area unless permission from the park ranger has been secured to use the facilities. It is also required that groups of minors have adequate supervision and that at least one responsible adult accompany each group not exceeding 15 minors. All pets must be on a leash.

Numerous state parks and memorials are within easy access of every part of the state. Lodges, cabins and dining rooms are important features of Illinois Beach, Starved Rock, Pere Marquette, White Pines Forest and Giant City. Reservations for lodging should be made with lodge managers.

All state parks are open the year round. When weather conditions necessitate the closing of park roads during freezing and thawing periods, access to park facilities is by foot only.

For more details about this site, contact Site Manager, R. R. 1, Low Point, 61545, phone 309/566-8861. For information on other Illinois sites, write the Department of Conservation, Information/Education Division, State Office Building, Springfield, 62706.





Park Maps

Peoria Lake

Fishing Channels

Camping Area

Camping Area

Shelter

Conservation Area Boundary

To Route 26

Sanitary Dumping Station

Fishing Channels

Boat Ramp

Parking & Refuge Headquarters

Footbridge

Picnic Area

Boat Dock

Peoria Lake

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